

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

111. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to give a list of motor accidents in the State during the last 3 years; how many of these accidents were caused by taxies and how many by private cars?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: The list is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: In the answer it is said that there were as many as 71 motor accidents. May I know whether the drivers of some of these vehicles at least were drunk when these accidents happened?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: Out of 71 cases 42 were charged and some of these may be drunk cases. As regards the exact number, I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Since the accidents are on an increase, what all steps are taken by Government to minimise them?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: All that is possible is done. The traffic staff are asked to be vigilant. Action is also taken against drunken drivers.

LIST OF CASES OF SUICIDE.

112. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of cases of suicide in the State this year giving the reasons for committing the same by each individual?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: The list is appended. (*Vide Appendix V*).

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Of the 73 cases of suicide, 7 are cases reported to be from poverty. Have the Government noted that fact?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon: Yes.

EXCISE DUTY ON MATCHES.

113. Mr. M. K. Devassy: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total sum collected by the Government by way of excise duty on matches after the passing of Act XXXV of 1111 up to this day;

(b) the total number of match boxes consumed in the State during the period mentioned above?

APPENDIX IV

(Question No. III.)

List of Motor Accidents in

III C	...	52	by Taxies	...	27
			„ Cars	...	25
III I	...	59	by Taxies	...	30
			„ Cars	...	29
III 2	..	71	by Taxies	...	26
			„ Cars	...	45

APPENDIX V.

(Question No. II2.)

List of cases of suicides so far reported in III3 with reasons for committing the same.

Total Number:—73.

Reasons are classified as follows:—

1. Insanity	...	11 cases.
2. Diseases	...	12 cases.
3. Domestic unhappiness	...	15 cases.
4. Poverty	...	9 cases.
5. Disgrace	...	11 cases.
6. Financial embarrassments	...	9 cases.
7. Love affairs	...	4 cases.
8. Mental worries	...	2 cases.
Total	...	<u>73 cases.</u>